

Fact Sheet

Senior Services: Mill Levy Matching Funds

N.D. Department of Human Services, Aging Services Division

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Purpose:

The Mill Levy Match Program is intended to defray expenses of local programs and services for senior citizens in North Dakota. It matches local funding with state general funds in order to provide services such as home-delivered meals, meals at senior meal sites, transportation, and health screenings utilized by senior citizens.

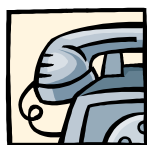
The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Aging Services Division distributes the state funds.

Background:

The Senior Citizens Mill Levy and Mill Levy Match Program were enacted in the 1970s by the North Dakota Legislature (NDCC 57-15-56). Counties or cities are allowed to authorize up to a two mill levy for the purpose of senior citizen programs. A mill equals 1/1000 of a cent. Every \$10 in assessed property value generates one cent. In 2003, the assessed property value of the state of North Dakota was \$1.43 billion, which generated \$1.57 million in county levied taxes. The state matches the local assessments with general funds. In 2003, the match was 52.8 cents on the dollar, or \$831,472.

The Mill Levy Match Program was evaluated under a study resolution approved by the 2001 North Dakota Legislature. Counties are interested in the mill levy match because of the aging population and the challenge of delivering services in rural areas.

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Current Status:

- In March 2004, the North Dakota Department of Human Services distributed \$831,472 in mill levy matching funds to 51 local governments for senior citizen programs and services.
- During the federal fiscal year that ended September 30, 2003, mill levy matching funds assisted with the purchase of 516,599 home-delivered meals and 852,026 congregate meals, which were served at senior meal sites. The meals, along with transportation services and health screenings, help sustain older North Dakotans in their homes and communities.

Distribution of matching funds:

State Planning Regions	Dollars	Percent of Total
Williston Region I	\$34,087.35	4.0%
Minot Region II	\$100,870.48	12.1%
Devils Lake Region III	\$52,506.96	6.3%
Grand Forks Region IV	\$102,652.83	12.3%
Fargo Region V	\$215,724.74	26.0%
Jamestown Region VI	\$113,978.88	14.0%
Bismarck Region VII	\$160,713.06	19.3%
Dickinson Region VIII	\$50,938.20	6.0%
TOTAL	\$831,472.50	100%

Future Concerns:

In addition to helping fund services for seniors, the state matching funds provided through the mill levy match program are also used to meet federal match requirements. For example, the federal Older Americans Act (OAA) provides 85 percent of the cost of OAA services, and local entities must pay the remaining 15 percent.

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